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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AUDITOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 21, 1870.

GARDINER;
H. K. MORELL, PRINTER, HOME JOURNAL PRESS,
1870.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For State Tax.....	\$6,214 47
County Tax.....	1,395 84
Schools.....	3,000 00
Support of Poor.....	1,200 00
Highways.....	3,000 00
Contingent Fund.....	5,000 00
School District No. 6.....	175 00
" " " 10.....	600 00
Overlayings.....	1,024 37
Supplementary Tax.....	123 64
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	\$22,063 32

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Report.....	\$3,645 85
Not credited last year.....	13 00
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Balance on Treasurer's Book, Feb. 20, 1869.....	3,658 85
State of Maine Bonds and Cash.....	12,366 67
" " School Fund, 1868.....	64 09
Tuition, High School.....	28 16
Use of Engine.....	55 00
" " Town Hall.....	28 00
Circus License.....	8 00
Poor of other Towns, \$30, discount \$10.....	20 00
Richmond National Bank.....	4,500 00
Wood sold.....	5 00
Interest of Samuel Brown.....	7 15
Tax Deed.....	50
Tax of Jos. Webber, 1867.....	85
Order No 45, paid.....	10 00
D. Campbell, bal. on Note, Town Farm.....	13 59
Parker Curtis, Note and Interest.....	104 00
Wm. S. Booker, Note and Interest.....	113 00
Profits on Liquor.....	217 89
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	\$18,230 75

EXPENDITURES.***State and County Taxes.***

Paid State Treasurer.....	\$6,244 47
County " 	1,395 84
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	\$7,640 31

Town Officers.

Paid for Services, as follows :

F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman...	\$150 00
H. Randall, " " " ..	90 00
J. Watson Libby, " " " ..	65 00
C. Houdlette, Treasurer.....	50 00
Samuel Brown, Collector.....	438 90
Wm. H. Stuart, Clerk.....	15 00
D. W. C. Chamberlain, S. S. Committee.....	30 00
J. W. Spaulding, " " " ..	30 00
Levi Whitney, Constable.....	20 00
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	\$888 90

Schools.

Amount due the several Districts, Feb. 20, '69.....	\$1,210 17
Appropriation by the Town.....	3,000 00
Received from the State.....	64 09
" Tuition, High School.....	28 16
" for Wood sold.....	5 00
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	\$4,307 42

Paid during year to the several Districts, \$3,142 08	
Balance due Feb. 21, 1870.....	865 34
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	\$4,307 42

School District No. 6.

Appropriated,	\$475 00
Overlayings,.....	22 26
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	\$497 26
 Paid Geo. C. Gaubert,.....	 \$448 00
Jas. Blanchard,.....	12 00
Expense,	22 26
Balance due District,.....	15 00
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	\$497 26

School District No. 10.

Appropriated,	\$600 00
Overlayings,	17 02

 \$617 02

Paid John Jackson,	\$267 38
M. C. Temple,	172 25
Various Orders,	160 37
Expense,	17 02

 \$617 02
Town Farm.

To Stock on Farm, Feb. 20, 1869, valued at	\$1,015 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions,	516 15
Farming Tools,	325 00
Furniture,	189 40
Cash paid for Insurance,	2 16
" J. L. Fogg, for Services to Mar. 29, 1869,	32 25
" Prescott Keyes, and wife, for Services from Mar. 29, '69, to Feb. 21, 1870,	267 50
" for Furniture, &c.,	64 16
" for Supplies,	589 61
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 \$3,001 23

By Stock on Farm, Feb. 21, '70, valued at	\$950 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions,	458 25
Farming Tools,	332 00
Furniture,	198 00
Labor of Mr. Keyes on Highway,	86 00
Labor of Oxen in village,	20 00
D. Campbell, Note and Interest,	13 59
Cattle sold,	217 00
Depreciation in value of Stock,	75 00
Cost of supporting Poor on the Farm,	651 39
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Poor off the Town Farm.

Paid for John A. Towns's Funeral Expenses,	\$22 50
Mrs. Bremigine,	24 01
Abigail Coleman,	21 51
Jane Sawyer, Bowdoin,	35 25
Adderton and Family, Brunswick,	10 00
Eunice Buker,	6 00

Mrs. Lydia Witham, Supplies.....	16 00	
" Dr. Richards's bill..	22 00	38 00
Eben Pratt and Family, Supplies.....	8 00	
" Dr. Richards's bill.....	8 00	16 00
Frank Dale.....		10 00
Florence Dale.....		25 00
Edward Curtis, Chelsea.....		46 00
Mrs. Mehitable Harmon.....		9 25
Dr. Chamberlain's bill for attending Mrs.		
Coleman, and Poor on Town Farm,.....		50 75
Stragglers.....		46 00
Wood for the Poor.....		4 69
W. P. Dinsmore, for Mrs. Loring, 1867,....		10 00
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		\$374 96

Breaking Roads.

1868-9.

<i>Dist. No. 1.</i>	Paid Arthur Deering.....	\$22 08	
	Wm. Lancaster.....	3 64	
<i>Dist. No. 11.</i>	Caleb Niles.....	2 00	27 72

1869.

<i>Dist. No. 1.</i>	Paid various small bills....	\$38 01	
" 2.	Thomas Knight.....	1 50	
" 3.	George Harlow.....	2 66	
	Daniel Webber.....	12 67	
" 4.	Wm. H. Toothaker...	34 48	
" 5.	Wm. M. Loud.....	13 88	
" 6.	Orrington Pottle.....	8 51	
	Nicholas Gaubert....	8 77	
" 7.	Howard Robinson....	27 55	
" 8.	Chalmers Harlow....	18 15	
	George Reed.....	10 00	
	James H. Smith.....	17 34	
" 9.	Otis Plummer.....	10 52	
	J. W. Booker.....	4 42	
" 10.	Chas. H. Jackson....	35 81	
" 11.	Geo. W. Leavitt.....	31 47	
	Hiram Ring.....	24 43	300 17

1870.

<i>Dist. No. 1.</i>	Paid several Bills amounting to	\$63 62	
" 2.	Henry Foster.....	27 60	
" 3.	E. G. Page.....	28 80	
	Daniel Webber.....	34 95	
" 4.	S. Cunningham.....	39 33	
" 5.	F. A. Yeaton.....	6 71	
	Walter Beedle.....	12 30	
" 6.	Nicholas Gaubert....	12 37	

Dist. No. 6.	Orrington Pottle.....	15 87	
" 7.	Howard Robinson...	29 74	
" 8.	Wm. S. Booker.....	14 74	
	Jas. H. Smith.....	21 56	
	Jacob Reed.....	45 35	
" 9.	John W. Booker.....	15 82	
	Otis Plummer.....	12 83	
" 10.	Geo. W. Smith.....	25 36	
" 11.	Joseph R. Patterson..	25 41	
	Wm. Curtis.....	31 77	464 13
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			\$792 02

Repair of Highways.

Paid Foster, Spaulding & Co., for Lumber.....		\$585 15
J. Watson Libby, "	15 62	
Dist. No. 1. Paid for Gravel and Dirt.....	10 40	
Hay for oxen.....	16 41	
S. Toothaker, Meal and Nails,...	14 33	
Blanchard & Gaubert, Nails,....	7 80	
C. Houdlette, Sundries.....	27 37	
D. Randall, for Scrapers.....	6 00	
Solon White, Plank Crossing,...	4 25	
Jeremiah Grey, Labor.....	7 00	
J. R. True, "	13 00	
Reuel Bickford, "	21 25	
H. R. French, Surveyor.....	83 76	
M. C. Runnels, "	185 50	
Libbeus Jenkins, "	390 38	
Dist. No. 2.	O. A. Parks, Labor.....	4 00
	W. Cunningham, "	2 67
	Henry Foster, Surveyor.....	72 83
Dist. No. 3.	Geo. W. Sturtevant, Labor,....	5 83
	Daniel Webber, Heater,.....	5 41
	Daniel Webber, Surveyor.....	69 89
	E. G. Page, "	78 97
Dist. No. 4.	S. Cunningham, "	73 28
Dist. No. 5.	F. A. Yeaton, "	63 87
	Walter Beedle, "	67 78
	Walter Beedle, rebuilding Bridge,	16 00
Dist. No. 6.	Orrington Pottle, Surveyor,....	66 24
	Nicholas Gaubert, "	40 30
	M. C. Temple, Building Bridge,..	12 00
Dist. No. 7.	Bates & Alexander, Hauling Stone,	15 00
	F. A. Rogers, Cedar,.....	3 00
	Howard Robinson, Surveyor,....	119 62
Dist. No. 8.	M. A. Brown, Building Causeway,	4 00
	Jacob Reed, Surveyor,.....	66 46
	W. S. Booker, "	22 10

<i>Dist. No. 8.</i>	James H. Smith, Surveyor,.....	77 03
<i>Dist. No. 9.</i>	Otis Plummer, ".....	39 11
	John W. Booker, ".....	43 06
<i>Dist. No. 10.</i>	for a Heater and Nails,.....	5 22
	Geo. W. Smith, Surveyor,... ..	55 89
<i>Dist. No. 11.</i>	Hiram Ring, Repairing Bridge,..	3 00
	Jos. R. Patterson, Surveyor,.....	53 62
	Wm. Curtis, ".....	66 11
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		\$2,540 51

New Roads and Bridges.

Paid J. R. True, Building Ferry Road,.....	\$300 00
Smith & Jackson, Bridge in District No. 6,....	95 00
John Alexander, Building Bridge in Dist. No. 11.	27 00
B. R. Flanders, Land Damage, Toothaker Road,	140 00
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	\$562 00

Highways.

Unexpended Feb. 20, 1869,.....		\$71 25
Appropriated by the Town,.....		3,000 00
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		\$3,071 25
Expended for Repairs of Highways,.....	\$2,540 51	
" Breaking Roads,.....	792 02	
" New Roads and Bridges,..	562 00	
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	\$3,894 53	
Deficiency,.....		823 28
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		\$3,894 53

Liquor Agency.

Amount of Liquors on hand Feb. 21, 1869,.....	\$156 60
Paid for Liquors during the year,.....	777 34
for Freight and Truckage,.....	6 07
for Faucets,.....	80
J F. Bates, Agent to March 12, 1869,.....	5 50
Theodore Patten, Agent to Feb. 21, 1870,.....	118 20
Profits to town on liquors,.....	247 89
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	\$1,312 40
Cash received from J. F. Bates,.....	\$75 00
“ Theodore Patten,....	988 90
Kegs sold,.....	4 23
Liquors on hand Feb. 21, 1870,.....	244 27
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	\$1,312 40

Interest and Town Debt Paid:

Coupons on Town Bonds,.....	\$2,863 50
Interest on Town Orders and Notes,.....	1,006 55
Town Order No. 82, of 1866,.....	50 00
" " 83. " 	100 00
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	\$4,020 05

Sundries.

Paid D. L. Park bal. due School Dist. No. 2.....	\$10 00
R. H. White, bill of 1867.....	1 08
Sumner Adams, S. S. Com. '67-8.....	25 00
H. K. Morrell, Printing Selectmen's Reports..	19 25
Expense to Gardiner on same.....	3 00
H. K. Morrell, Printing School Reports.....	21 00
Thomas Dunham, Land for Road.....	15 00
Warren Reed, Damage on Horse.....	30 00
For Fred Kerrins, at Insane Hospital.....	134 09
Olive Ridley suit to City of Hallowell....	189 06
" at Insane Hospital.....	35 76
J. W. Spaulding, Costs in Farm suit.....	21 84
" Services and Costs.....	35 96
Hatherly Randall, Expense in Ridley Suit....	10 00
Daniel Randall, Hearse Runners.....	30 00
" Care of Engines.....	20 00
" Repairs on " 	9 13
* For Lock to Engine House.....	34
Artemas Libby, Law Advice.....	2 00
Dr. Hill, Services.....	12 00
Aaron Plummer, Surveying Parks Road.....	1 50
For Oil, Cleaning, and Repairs on Town Hall..	3 90
Town Order No. 45, since paid back.....	10 00
For Stationery, Blankbooks, Stamps and Tel..	38 59
Geo. Harlow, Wood for Office.....	2 00
C. Houdlette, Office Rent.....	15 00
" for a plough.....	15 00
" Sundries.....	1 75
Richmond National Bank, Money borrowed....	1,500 00
Samuel Odiorne, Jr., Horsehire.....	39 25
Wm. Randlett, Care of Town Clock.....	20 00
Discount on sale of \$12,000 State Bonds.....	70 01
Expense on State Bonds to Boston.....	11 00
Difference in amount of Liquors 1870 and 1869	87 67
Abatements of Taxes, 1868.....	86 85
" " 1869.....	12
Making up Town Report.....	10 00
S. Brown, the 5 & 3 per ct. Discount on Taxes.	632 60
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	\$3,293 73

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds outstanding Feb. 21, 1870,.....	\$49,750 00
Note to Richmond National Bank.....	3,000 00
" First National Bank.....	3,000 00
" J. R. Blanchard.....	400 00
" Samuel Wilson.....	200 00
" M. M.....	800 00
" C. T.....	500 00
" S. H.....	400 00
Town Order No. 45, of 1863.....	832 00
" " 153, of 1864.....	2,100 00
" Dated Feb. 20, 1866.....	200 00
" No. 85, of 1866.....	100 00
" " 72, " ".....	60 00
" " 183, " 1867.....	600 00
" " 79, " 1869, exch. for No.66, of '68.	1,500 00
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Total amount of Bonds, Notes and Orders.....	\$63,442 00
Am't of Coupons and Int. due on above Feb. 21, '70.	1,661 31
Due School Districts Feb. 21, 1870.....	865 34
Due School District No. 6, on Tax assessed.....	15 00
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Total Debt.....	\$65,983 65

RESOURCES,

Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1870.....	\$14,723 83
Amount of Liquor on hand,.....	244 27
Liabilities over Resources.....	51,015 55
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	\$65,983 65

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm, Stock and Outfits.....	\$4,938 25
Two Fire Engines.....	1,500 00
Two Fire-proof Safes.....	245 00
Hearse.....	175 00
Engine house.....	200 00
Interest in Town Hall Building.....	1,000 00
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	\$8,058 25
Resources.....	\$14,968 22
Town Property.....	8,058 25
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	\$23,026 47

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations	\$22,063 32
Receipts	18,230 75
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	\$40,294 07
Paid State and County Taxes.....	\$7,640 31
Town Officers.....	888 90
Schools	3,442 08
School District No. 6.....	460 00
" " " 10.....	600 00
Cash for Town Farm.....	955 68
Poor off the Farm.....	374 96
Breaking Roads.....	792 02
Repair of Highways.....	2,510 51
New Roads and Bridges.....	562 00
Interest and Town Debt.....	1,020 05
Sundries	3,293 73
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 21, 1870.....	14,723 83
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	\$40,294 07

F. HOUDLETTE.	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. RANDALL,	
J. WATSON LIBBY.	

of
Richmond.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Selectmen of Richmond, and find the Accounts correctly cast and properly vouched, and of which the foregoing is a true copy.

BENJ. F. TALLMAN, *Auditor.*

RICHMOND, Feb'y 21, 1870.

Town of Richmond in account with C. Houdlette, Treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 21, 1870.

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Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1869,.....	\$3,658 85
Note discounted at Richmond National Bank,.....	1,500 00
\$12,000 State Bonds, sold for.....	11,929 99
\$300 " now in Treasurer's office,.....	300 00
Balance from State in cash on War Loan.....	66 67
Liquor Agents.....	1,063 90
Tuition at High School.....	22 66
State School Fund, 1868.....	64 09
Use of Engine.....	55 00
Use of Town Hall.....	28 00
Circus License.....	8 00
Wood sold.....	5 00
Interest, Samuel Brown.....	7 15
Tax Deed.....	50
Tax of Jos. Webber, 1867.....	85
Town of Litchfield.....	20 00
Order No. 45, paid back.....	10 00
D. Campbell, Balance of Note.....	13 59
Parker Curtis, Note and Interest.....	104 00
W. S. Booker, " 	113 00
Samuel Brown, Collector for 1869.....	14,423 01

\$33,394 26

Dr.

Paid Abatement Orders to Collector.....	\$122 70
Interest at various times.....	32 06
Coupons on Town Bonds.....	2,863 50
Town Ord. No. 82, Mrs. L. Hatch....	50 00
" 83, Mrs. A. D. Dinsmore	100 00
S. Brown, Col. the 3 & 5 per ct. disc't	632 60
" Ord's. Sch. Dist. No. 10	160 31
Expense Selling State Bonds.....	11 00
Money Orders of F. Houdlette, Se- lectman.....	14,698 20
Error.....	06
Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1870, includ- ing the \$300 State Bonds.....	14,723 83

\$33,394 26

C. HOUDLETTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Account of the Treasurer of the town of Richmond is correctly cast and properly vouch'd.

BENJ. F. TALLMAN, *Auditor.*

RICHMOND, Feb. 21, 1870.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

The Annual Report of your Superintending School Committee is now presented for your consideration ;

DISTRICT NO. 1.—CAPT. FRANKLIN HOUDLETTE, *Agent*.

High School.

Summer Term—A. A. WOODBRIDGE of Richmond, teacher. Whole number of Scholars, 69 ; average 54. Term 10 weeks.

Winter Term—same teacher. Miss LIZZIE A. ROGERS, Assistant. Whole number of scholars, 82 ; average, 69. Term, 13 weeks.

We can only repeat what has been said heretofore in relation to this school and its teachers, unless we add, perhaps, that increased usefulness and energy has been displayed by the teachers during the winter term. Perfect order is always maintained here during study hours, and yet no exhibition of command, control or arbitrary government, is ever witnessed.

The course of instruction, which was adopted last year, has been followed as closely as possible with gratifying results. We believe it to be of the utmost importance that parents select either one course or the other, and resolve that their scholars shall complete that course. The school year is made complete by one or two academical terms, as the case may require, under the same instructors.

Near the close of this winter term Mr. WOODBRIDGE secured the attendance for two days and evenings, of Prof. D. H. CRUTTENDEN of New York, who was one of the instructors in the County Institutes held throughout the State during last fall. Prof. C. employed his days exclusively with this school, and the evenings in public lectures to the people, on kindred subjects, all of which were of much interest and value, particularly to this school as Mr. WOODBRIDGE had during, and for the term, adopted Prof. CRUTTENDEN's method of instructing. We understand that Mr. WOODBRIDGE has further secured the services of Prof. CRUTTENDEN for the academical term this spring, as well as those of Dr. N. T. TRUE of Bethel, Maine. Each of whom are to deliver a course of lectures before the pupils of the Academy during the present spring term.

One unfortunate feature about this school, to which an allusion was made in our last report, and which has occasioned much regret

to all interested in its prosperity, is the habit into which the scholars have fallen, of leaving school two or three days or a week before the close. This evil is chargeable mainly to parents and guardians, and to them we appeal that they will consider the importance of imprinting upon the minds of their children and wards, and implanting into their very souls the "fight-it-out-on-that-line" principle—never to give up a task until it is accomplished. This is a matter of serious consequence.

Grammar School.

Summer Term—LOUISE E. ROGERS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 54; average 47. Term 10 weeks.

Miss ROGERS entered upon her duties for the third term here, with her usual tact and energy, and although, at our first visit, some were not disposed to study much, yet we had the assurance that the school would be a success. Our expectations were realized at the last visit as to its usefulness. We were much pleased with the appearance of the room, recently enlarged and improved for the comfort and convenience of the pupils, thus adding interest and profit to the school.

All the classes, except reading, passed a good examination, and showed that they had been well taught. It was a pleasant and profitable school.

Winter Term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 70: average, 55. Term, 13 weeks.

This room, during the first part of the term was filled with that class of scholars, which rendered the labors of the teacher very arduous. But, notwithstanding all this, Miss ROGERS, in her quiet and determined way worked out results which were highly gratifying.

The reading classes showed correct and careful training. In arithmetic they could answer questions and work out examples readily, but were not quite so ready to give the reason. It was a good school.

In looking around the room we saw some marks on the walls, which looked to us anything but proper. The scholars of this school, and also those of the High School below, are not so careful as they should be in regard to damaging and marring the building. We noticed one of the doors up stairs damaged badly in consequence of a hole being cut through one of its panels. Is there not some way to put a stop to such works?

Central Intermediate School.

Summer Term—CARRIE J. CALL, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 47; average, 38. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter Term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 47; average, 41. Term, 13 weeks.

While perhaps the order in the school during the past two terms, has not been quite as good as might have been desired, occasioned principally by moving the lips, the instruction has been excellent. Miss CALL has taught here several terms, has endeared her-

self to those who have come under her instruction, and understands fully the wants and capacities of her scholars. Her method of conducting reading and spelling classes has proved useful and practicable in that school, and we see no reason why it would not prove as successful in all schools. It has demonstrated that a lesson of but one verse in length may produce greater and more beneficial results than that of several pages. Quite a number of the scholars in this school would have been able undoubtedly, to have passed such an examination at the close of the winter term as would have entitled them to admission to the Grammar School next term. But we have thought it best not to break over the rule which established the examination for transfer from one school to another at the close of the summer term; particularly as we shall be able to do justice to each individual scholar when the time for that examination arrives, by entering him in the Grammar School in such classes as his standing will admit. This also applies to certain pupils in each of the other Intermediate Schools.

North Intermediate School.

Summer Term—EMILY M. CLARKE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 46; average, 39. Term, 10 weeks.

This school, under the direction of Miss C., succeeded very well. Although the scholars did not make such rapid advancement as we often see, yet what they had passed over showed careful and correct training. The classes in reading we noticed were rather backward, a common fault in our schools. The order and studiousness ranked higher than in previous terms.

Winter Term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 45; average, 39. Term, 13 weeks.

As usual, this school was visited twice during the term, and at both visits everything was found to be in a satisfactory condition. The classes in reading, geography and arithmetic had accomplished considerable. They were both thorough and prompt in their recitations. A good blackboard is needed very much here. Will the District see to it, so that the scholars shall lose no more on this account?

South Intermediate School.

Summer Term—MISS MARY M. ALLEN, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 52; average, 46. Term, 10 weeks.

Miss ALLEN had taught this school several terms prior to this, and knew the wants of the scholars. She was able to commence at the right place, and work in the right direction, and her labors were attended with considerable success. It was a good school.

Winter Term—MISS ELLEN M. YEATON of Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 47; average, 38. Term, 13 weeks.

At our first visit, we thought the reading lessons too long to be thoroughly studied by the pupils. The teacher's time was broken in upon, and the business of class recitation interrupted by different scholars going to the teacher for information and instruction, upon matters within their own grasp. The second examin-

ation disclosed the gratifying fact that these errors had been in part, if not wholly, corrected; that encouraging progress had been made in reading and spelling, as well as in the other branches. Review exercises, in both arithmetic and geography, were very satisfactory. The order in the school was fair. The blackboards were rendered almost useless this term, on account of some ingredients used in the paint.

Primary School.

Summer Term.—MISS C. RANDALL of Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 66; average, 56. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 55; average, 45. Term, 13 weeks.

Concerning this school, its teacher, management and success, during the past year, we can only repeat what was said in our last report. The order, for a school containing so large a number of small children, has been almost wonderful. The progress in the studies has been very satisfactory. This room is very poorly ventilated, and we consider it of great importance that the District take some action in regard to this matter. If any citizen will take the trouble to enter this room when all the pupils are in their seats, it would present such an argument to his senses as would prompt him to immediate action in the premises. *Fresh, pure* air we do not expect; but it is deemed absolutely necessary that some of the elements of pure air shall be furnished our children—that we do not overlook entirely the physical wants of the scholar.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year.....	\$22 55
Appropriations	1,784 00
Received from other sources.....	28 50
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	\$1,785 05
Expended during the year.....	1,772 67
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Balance due the District.....	\$12 38

DISTRICT No. 2.—D. L. PARK, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—MISS D. M. PARTRIDGE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 25; average, 23. Term, 9 weeks.

At our first visit to this school, we were much pleased with the appearance of both teacher and pupils. Everything appeared fair for a profitable and interesting school. The long vacation, which they had in the middle of the term, we think proved a damage, by a lack of interest, that was apparent at our last visit; although Miss P., by her tact and energy, brought her classes to show a commendable progress in all the branches taught.

Winter Term—WASH. SMALL, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 28; average, 26. Term, 10 weeks.

Without discussing the merits of this experienced teacher, it will be sufficient to say, the management and order of this school at both visits were good, and the improvement excellent. Mr. S. has fully sustained his former reputation.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District at commencement of school year,	\$1 83
Appropriation,.....	133 66
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	\$135 49
Expended during year.....	128 50
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Balance due the District.....	86 99

DISTRICT NO. 3.—WM. H. SMITH, *Agent*.

Summer Term—IDA A. HUNT, Bath, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 26; average, 18. Term, 9 weeks.

This was Miss H.'s first trial of teaching, and she made a very good beginning. Good order and a general desire to improve seemed to be characteristics of the school.

Winter Term—C. Q. RING, Pittston, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 27; average, 25. Term, 11 weeks.

Mr. Ring having taught this school several terms before, knew well the capacity of his pupils. The reading classes have made good improvement. Some members of the first class would compare favorably with any in our higher schools. The classes in arithmetic, algebra, philosophy and book-keeping had made excellent progress; and although our second visit was at a time when they did not expect us, the prompt and ready manner in which they worked out and explained some of the most difficult problems in the Practical Arithmetic, and answered questions in the other branches, showed that they had been well drilled, and understood what they had been over. We always like to see good deportment in the school-room, and think it is both the right, and the duty of the teacher to demand it. Had it not been for a failure on this point we should have ranked this as one of the best schools in town. This district is far behind the other districts in the convenience and comfort of its school-room; and as the citizens are abundantly able, we hope to see here before they have another term of school, the best, instead of the poorest school-room in town.

ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$151 72
Amount due from District at commencement of the school year,.....	80 62
Expended during year.....	157 10
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Balance due from District, (overdrawn).....	\$6 00

DISTRICT NO. 4.—N. PREBLE, *Agent*.

Summer Term—NELLIE S. SPEAR, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 25; average, 20. Term, 9 weeks.

Here we found a capable and active teacher; one who loves her work and enters into it with zeal. At our last visit we were much gratified with the improvement in all the studies taught, and pleased to find a very neat room which had been tastefully trimmed with leaves and evergreen by the pupils and teacher. We think it was a profitable school.

Winter Term—A. M. SPEAR, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 28; average, 25. Term, 9 weeks.

Mr. S. is a critical and energetic teacher. We would cheerfully recommend him to future agents in this district. The classes in arithmetic, algebra, geography and reading, had made good progress, and passed an excellent examination; showing that they well understood what they had been over.

ACCOUNT.

Appropriation	\$143 05
Expended during the year,	139 82
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Balance due the District,	\$3 23

DISTRICT No. 5.—GRANVILLE BLAIR, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—ELLEN M. YEATON, Richmond, teacher. Whole number scholars, 16; average, 14. Term, 7 weeks.

This was a short school and also a small one. Miss Y., in her quiet and easy manner conducted her school with becoming aptness and tact. Although her scholars were not far advanced, they did extremely well for so young pupils; and showed a correct understanding of first principles, which was to us quite gratifying.

Winter Term.—LEWIS M. PALMER, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 24; average, 22. Term, 10 weeks.

Mr. P. entered upon his labors here for the second time, with a good prospect of success. Both teacher and scholars seemed to understand each other and were interested in their several duties. The reading and arithmetic classes did themselves much credit. The classes in geography, by the aid of outline maps, evinced a good knowledge of the world on which we live. We should have liked to have seen more study grammar. It was an excellent school.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Dist. at commencement of school year, .	\$0 03
Appropriation	143 66
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Expended during year,	\$143 69

DISTRICT No. 6.—GEORGE C. GAUBERT, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—MRS. LUCINDA GAUBERT, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 20; average, 15. Term, 9 weeks.

This school was visited but once, on account of the insufficient notice of the time of its close. We were pleased at the commencement of the term, with the appearance of both the school and teacher. The order was excellent, and instruction very good, particularly for small scholars. We have no doubt that the assurances received from several residents of the District, that it was a successful and profitable term, are fully correct.

Winter Term.—JAMES L. MORSE, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 19; average, 17½. Term, 7 weeks.

This term commenced under flattering auspices. It was the first school in the new house, erected the past season. The countenances of the scholars reflected the spirit evinced by their parents in the construction of the building. The example furnished by the largest boys promised good order and hard work. The teacher was not without experience. Notwithstanding all this, there seemed to be an impression, in which your committee partially coincide, that the great amount of success, which there was reason to expect, was not fully attained. The largest scholars had left, and a feeling akin to apathy seemed to pervade the school, at the time of our last visit. Some of the classes, however, and some of the members of other classes, gave evidence of hard work and careful instruction.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year.....	\$11 77
Appropriation.....	\$187 27
	149 04
Expended during the year.....	158 64
Bal. due from District, (overdrawn).....	9 60

DISTRICT No. 7.—R. D. ALEXANDER, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—MISS LIZZIE A. ROGERS, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 25; average, 17. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 20; average, 14. Term, 12 weeks.

Miss ROGERS, a young and enthusiastic lady taught her first school here, and had the rare compliment paid her of being engaged for the winter term, (as appears above,) which has hitherto been taught by a male. The schools were both successful, and commendable improvement made. Good order was maintained generally, and we predict for Miss R., when she shall have advanced in years, and increased in experience, an enviable reputation as a teacher.

ACCOUNT.

Am't due Dist. at commencement of school year.....	\$6 81
Appropriation.....	117 15
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Expended during the year.....	113 25
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Balance due the District.....	\$10 72

DISTRICT NO. 8.—G. W. REED, *Agent*.

Summer Term—MRS. ELLA REED, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 16; average, 11. Term, 8 weeks.

Mrs. R., an experienced and successful teacher, tried to make this an interesting and profitable school, and succeeded better than we expected at our first visit; for there were only six scholars present—too small a number to interest either teacher or scholars. At our last visit we found the several classes had made commendable progress.

Winter Term—L. M. SMALL, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 26; average, 18. Term, 9 weeks.

Here we found the right teacher in the right place, one who was decided and energetic, and who seemed determined to do as much good as possible. The deportment and progress of the scholars were commendable and gratifying. It was an orderly, well managed school.

We would not fail to suggest to the citizens of this District, that a new and modern schoolroom, one inferior to no other in town, would be an ornament to the District, and a great comfort and convenience to the scholars.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year.....	\$2 65
Appropriation,	120 63
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Expended during the year.....	120 70
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Balance due the District.....	2 58

DISTRICT NO. 9.—J. WEBB LIBBY, *Agent*

Summer Term—BLANCHE PAYNE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 13; average, 10. Term 9 weeks.

This was an interesting little school, and the instructress used every possible way to improve it, and succeeded admirably. The appearance of this school, at both visits was very good. The manner in which Miss P. governs her pupils, added much to their benefit and interest. The recitations at the close were very satisfactory. We think it was a profitable school, reflecting much credit to the teacher.

Winter Term—ANGIE S. BRIRY, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 19; average, 15. Term, 10 weeks.

In this school we found a veteran teacher, capable of imparting such instruction as was best suited to the scholars. The order and management of the school appeared well. The teacher was taken sick and the school closed unexpectedly before we had made our second visit; but from the good reputation of Miss B. as a teacher, we have no doubt that it was a profitable school.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year.	\$11 65
Appropriation.	115 47
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Expended during the year,	92 05
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Balance due the District,	\$35 07

DISTRICT NO. 10.—MORRILL C. TEMPLE, *Agent*.

Summer Term—ANGIE COSS, Gardiner, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 34; average, 30. Term, 9 weeks.

We found here a new school-house, convenient and pleasant; a credit to the district and the town. We made but one visit and that was at the first. The teacher seemed to understand her duties so far as we could judge and the scholars were desirous of learning. Of the improvement we are not able to speak.

Winter Term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 37; average, 22. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss C. is quite an experienced teacher, and her instruction the past term was calculated to advance the interests of the school. The reading and arithmetic classes gained a satisfactory knowledge so far as they went. If the classes in arithmetic had been obliged always to have given the *why*, it would have been better. It was quite a profitable school.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year.	\$2 91
Appropriation.	131 88
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Expended during the year.	134 79

DISTRICT NO. 11.—J. L. ROBINSON, *Agent*.

Summer Term—MARY L. RIDLEY, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 25; average, 21. Term, 10 weeks.

Miss R.'s limited experience in the school-room, as this was her first school, gave us some uneasiness as to the result, but only for the time being; as our doubts were soon dispelled when we witnessed the recitations of the different classes. We were very fa-

vorably impressed with the reading classes—as being critical and particular. The others were not quite so thorough.

Winter Term—ALBERT C. TRUE, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 27; average, 23. Term, 7 weeks.

This was a short school but very interesting and profitable one. Mr. T. believes that teachers as well as other people should be progressive in this world; that they should devise ways and means to interest the scholars and cause them to love the school-room. The pupils under the care of such an instructor, made excellent progress. Seldom do we see scholars so correct and critical with no more advantages than these have had. We hope to see Mr. T. again as one of our teachers.

ACCOUNT.

Appropriation	\$135 60
Expended during the year.....	135 60

Having noticed the schools separately and made some suggestions we thought it might be profitable to extend our remarks somewhat. During the past year the schools have been under the direction of good and experienced teachers generally, and they have made such progress as the short time each has been in session, would lead one to expect. Our schools, many of them, are small—some quite small, and if a teacher is employed who knows his business, and will make the school profitable, the term is shortened very materially; but if one is employed who will work cheap, ten chances to one the District will lose their money and get nothing in return. But this is not all. They will not only lose, but more than this, the children will receive wrong impressions and ideas, which will naturally cling to them, perhaps many years.

We wish then, to call the attention of our citizens to the very important fact, in closing our report, that our schools should be lengthened instead of shortened, and yet employ good teachers. The past year we have endeavored to classify and arrange our village schools in such a manner as shall secure greater, and more important results. We have fixed on a course of study to be pursued in each grade, and have appointed days for examination at the close of the summer term for admission from one school to another. We have been laboring for a better class of schools than we have had, and the nearer we get them graded the better they become. But to come to the point at once. We want money to lengthen our schools. Instead of having twenty weeks schooling for the year, we want thirty weeks, and what better can you do for your children and posterity, we ask, than voting to give to our schools the necessary sum for their better progress and usefulness?

We hope that you will take this into consideration, and at your annual meeting in March, act in relation to this matter, and we trust that when you come to give a final decision, it will accord with your better judgment and understanding and that you will

give us increased facilities for the better support and carrying on of our schools in town.

In this connection we would call the attention of our citizens to the following comparative statement taken from the Report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools for the year 1869 :

TOWNS.	Whole amount school money voted in 1869.	Amount per scholar.	Average number of weeks per school during year.
Richmond,	\$3,000	\$3 53	19
Bath,	21,500	8 32	40
Bangor,	26,000	4 58	34
Thomaston,	5,000	5 48	30
Augusta,	13,937	5 84	24
Gardiner,	6,700	4 89	22
Castine,	2,600	4 91	35
Portland,	58,450	5 75	41
Auburn,	10,000	5 88	23
Lewiston,	22,600		40

Richmond ought to rank second to none of the towns or cities mentioned. The same education which the city of Bath is determined to give her scholars would prove just as valuable to the Richmond scholar ; and it remains for our citizens to say whether they will be content and satisfied to play second to any other municipality in our county. We shall have mistaken the temper of the inhabitants of our town if they should deliberately, and with a full knowledge of the facts, so decide.

Twenty-four different teachers have been employed in town the past year, thirteen of whom belong here, and eleven came from other towns. We have had some excellent schools, taught by wide-awake and active teachers ; but still feel that in many of our schools the right kind of teaching has not been practiced. Some have paid too much attention to the books, instead of the scholars ; have taught only what was found there to the exclusion of everything else. And the consequence is, that when the school is visited, if questions are asked, except those in the text-books, they have nothing to say.

We trust that this evil and all others consequent upon poorly qualified teachers, will not much longer be found in our schools. It was expected that a great improvement in this respect would have been apparent in all our schools this winter, but the expectation was realized in so small a number of our schools, that they formed the exception and not the rule.

The basis upon which we founded our expectations for better things in this respect in the future, was the County Institute. The Institute held here in November last, under the direction of Rev. D. F. POTTER, County Supervisor, in which Prof. D. H. CRUTENDEN of New York, and Dr. N. T. TRUE of Bethel in this State, were instructors, was highly successful in every respect, save in the number of teachers present. Such teachers as were present received ideas in relation to teaching, which must cling to them through life, and prove an invaluable assistance to the possessors. Our best teachers attended the Institute regularly, and the schools subsequently taught by them have been eminently successful and

profitable, in comparison with their former schools. We deemed it due to the leading educators of the State, that we should say thus much of the results of the Institute held here, though we speak of but one portion of the benefits flowing from such Institutes, and have not alluded to the advantages derived from the public lectures of Prof. CRUTENDEN, Dr. TRUE, Mr. POTTER and Hon. WARREN JOHNSON, State Superintendent. But a large number of our teachers did not attend the Institute. It is hoped that they did not willfully absent themselves, and that the true reason of their absence was not negligence, apathy, or something of this kind. It may be well to remind such teachers that the time is not far distant when the teacher who fails to attend the Institute regularly will also fail to find employment in the schools of Richmond.

D. W. C. CHAMBERLAIN.
J. W. SPAULDING.
GEORGE W. PARKS.

NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants whom they may employ to teach, that the Committee will be in session for their examination, &c., at the office of J. W. SPAULDING, on Maine Street, as follows: for the Summer Schools, the *third* and *fourth* Saturdays in April, at 1 o'clock P. M.; for the Winter Schools, the *first* and *second* Saturdays in November, at 1 o'clock P. M., 1870.

It is absolutely necessary that teachers apply for their certificates on the days above mentioned.

TO SCHOOL AGENTS.

GENTLEMEN:—Your School Committee would very respectfully call your attention to the following section of the revised statutes of this State:

Section 55, Chapter 11, reads as follows: If any agent neglects to give written notice to the Superintending School Committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, he shall forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.

TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

National Readers and Spellers; Greenleaf's Arithmetics (new series) and Algebras; Quackenbos' Grammars, History and Rhetoric; Cornell's Geographies (new series); Peck's Ganot's Philosophy; Porter's Chemistry; Peterson's Familiar Science; Gray's Botany; Davies' series Higher Mathematics; Wells' Physical Geography; Welch's Object Lessons; Bryant & Stratton's Book-keeping. *Latin*—Harkness' Complete Course. *French*—Harkins', and Pujol & Van Normand's Advanced Course.